

said bottom seat has an overall height or thickness within the range from 5mm to 10mm.

³/₃. A low-profile CD case as claimed in claim ¹/₃, wherein said CD case formed by pivotally connected said top cover to said bottom seat has an overall height or thickness of 5.2mm.

⁴/₃. A low-profile CD case as claimed in claim ¹/₃, wherein said bottom seat is made of colored material to protect said compact disk stored in said CD case from direct sunshine.

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 2 and rewritten claim 3 in independent form to include all of the limitations of canceled claims 1 and 2. In rewriting claim 3, applicant has also rewritten the claim to overcome their rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. A marked-up version of amended claim 3 is attached hereto as Appendix A. It is respectfully submitted that amended claims 3-6 are now in proper form for allowance.

Since claims 3-6 were considered allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, it is respectfully

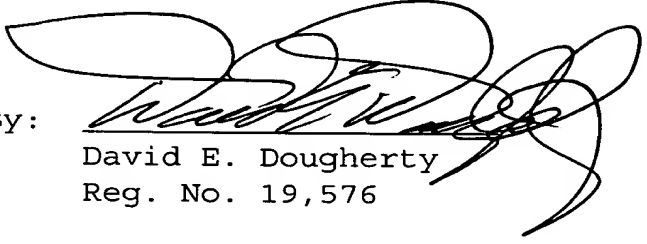
submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable action is therefore solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

3. (Amended) A low-profile compact disk [CD] (CD) case [as claimed in claim 1] comprising a top cover and a bottom seat pivotally connected to each other at pivotal edges thereof to provide an inner space for receiving a compact disk therein; said low profile CD case including an inner surface, central holding means, a plurality of protective means and a bottom seat integrally formed on said inner surface by injection molding so that a compact disk may be positioned in said low-profile CD case on said bottom seat around said central holding means and on said protective means and said bottom seat, protective means and top cover being constructed and arranged to prevent an additional CD disk from being stored between said top cover and said bottom seat, and wherein said central holding means is a short hollow cylinder extending upwardly from said bottom seat and having spaced cuts along a circumferential wall to provide a plurality of flexible catch pawls, said protective means including a low-raised circular rib encircling and being concentric with said central holding means, at least two low-raised curved ribs defining a circle concentric with said central holding means and extending to positions where an outer periphery of a compact disk will rest and a plurality of upwardly extending curved ribs closely located at and extending along an outer side of said low-raised curved ribs and said plurality of upwardly extending curved ribs having a height slightly higher than that of said low-raised ribs and, wherein said top cover includes a plane surface defining a front (or free) end, a rear (or pivotal) end, and two lateral sides, ribs being provided on an inner side of said plane surface near said front and said rear ends at predetermined positions for

locating an advertising sheet to the inner side of said plane surface of said top cover, two side walls being separately formed along said two lateral sides of said top cover to vertically extend downward by a predetermined [small] distance, semicircular members being [preferably] symmetrically provided on said two side walls at suitable positions close to said front and said rear ends of said top cover, such that said semicircular members at two opposite sides of said top cover project inward toward one another, a portion of said top cover near said rear end having a slightly narrowed width, a rear wall extending along said narrowed rear portion to give a substantially n-shaped cross section including two short wings, said rear wall [also] vertically extending downward by a predetermined small distance, and a pivotal hold being provided on each of said short wings; and

said bottom seat [includes] including a plane surface defining a front (or free) end, a rear (or pivotal) end, and two lateral sides, said bottom seat being provided at said rear ends of said two lateral sides with an extended arm [each] each of said extended arms being provided at an inner side with a protrusion corresponding to said pivotal holes on said two wings of said top cover, such that said top cover may be pivotally connected at said rear or pivotal end to said bottom seat by separately extending said two protrusions into said two pivotal holes, two walls being provided on an inner side of said bottom seat to separately horizontally extend along said front and said rear ends of said bottom seat, such that said walls have a substantially n-shaped cross section including two short wing portions, semicircular dust-proof recesses being symmetrically provided on said two lateral sides of said bottom seat within said wing portions of said

two n-shaped walls and corresponding to said semicircular members on said top cover, narrow spaces being left between outer surfaces of said wing portions of said walls and outmost edges of said two lateral sides of said bottom seat to provide stepped shoulder portions, onto which said side walls of said top cover are rested when said top cover is in its closed position over said bottom seat.